IN THE CLAIMS

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(Currently Amended) A reusable sealable plastic drum comprising

a plastic drum body with a convex upper chime having a convex chime radius and with a side wall having a generally horizontal drum flange extending therefrom and disposed below said chime,

a plastic lid having a cover flange and an annular, peripheral mating channel sized to accept said upper chime, said channel having an inner wall, an outer wall, a mouth for receiving said upper chime, and a base surface for engaging said upper chime, said base surface having a concave radius, which is matched to said convex chime radius, and

a lockband [surrounding said outer wall] engaging said drum flange and said cover flange, whereby tightening of said lockband causes said concave base surface to [fully] directly engage said convex chime in a sealing relationship.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The reusable sealable plastic drum of Claim 1, additionally comprising an auxiliary gasket compressable between said cover flange and said drum flange when said lockband is tightened.
- 3. (Unchanged) The reusable sealable plastic drum of Claim 1, wherein said drum body and said lid are made from polypropylene.

4. (Unchanged) The reusable sealable plastic drum of Claim 1, wherein said upper chime has a top width of about 0.190 inch.

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